

## Narrative by Debbie Spinner

### Thoughts of 9-11

Hello Everyone,

In order to try to come to grips with what has happened in America, I took a trip today to DC to view the Pentagon. TV may provide good coverage but to witness the devastation you must view it with your own eyes. I stood there looking at the damage and I was speechless. But then I took another look at it and I realized that although it looked bad, it could have been much worse.

A lot of us have often questioned "Why did God let this happen?" It took my husband with his infinite wisdom to make me see what role God played in all of this. This was an act of Satan. First reports said that there were an estimated 50,000 people in the WTC. Yes, we had many deaths but look at how many our master was able to save. To view the Pentagon really saddened me for a short [time].

At that point, I decided no terrorist was going to stop me from traveling and enjoying what is the best country in the world. I will continue to travel as much as before but at the same time, I realize that I could be here today and gone tonight. I understand now that material things mean nothing.

What really means something is spending time with your kids while they are young. I realize just how much I love my husband and want to spend every free moment with him whether it's going for a ride in a vehicle or flying on a plane.

I've learned to value my friends and glad they are in my life.

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My life as I know it will not stop. We strive to keep in touch with our Savior. We realize that when it is time to come to the close of the day of our life, it will not have been a life in vain. My husband, John, and I have traveled to many places and viewed more than we can ever remember. I'm not afraid to die. If it's my time, then it's my time.

At least I can say I had a great time while on earth and enjoyed life. The last month has taught me that God and your spouse and children and family and friends is what really is important.

I realize how much I enjoy my brother who is on active duty. I pray for his safety everyday and not a day goes by without me thinking about him. I'm proud that he is working with all of the other military personal to protect us from all hurt, harm and danger. I also have a nephew in the US Army. At the Church I attend, there is a very special young lady who is in the Military. We also have a 2nd ROTC young gentleman and my son who is in 1st year ROTC along with a sister-in-law who is in NYC doing what is need[ed] to be done. To Reuben, Rhonda, Chris, Camilla, Tim and my son Danny, thank you ever so much for doing what you have to do to take care of our beautiful country.

To all other military service men and women active, inactive and volunteer, I say thank you.

Let us not back up now, for we are AMERICA. Sure our eagle is crying and shedding a tremendous amount of tears. [BUT] WE WILL SURVIVE!

We as a nation [are] like a normal family. We fight among ourselves but let someone come and try to mess with us, LOOK OUT!

I pray that this will end with a minimal amount of human loss of life and at the same time I realize that we can't let some nut named Bin Laden come to our country and do as he please.

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To THE USA, LET'S STICK TOGETHER AND SHOW THE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT we may hurt for a bit, but when we make a come back, WE MAKE A COME BACK.

If you haven't [done] any soul searching before, you really need to do it now. If you ask yourself, "If I die today, will I go to heaven?" If you can't answer or have any doubt, it's time to get it right while you have the chance.

If you believe in prayer, please keep in mind the Lynchburg Airport. We are a small group of people who [meet] each day. Doesn't matter who your "employer" is. It's really tough to know that people you see and talk to may lose their jobs. This is very sad. When one hurts we all hurt. Say an extra prayer to United Express. It's sad to think you may not have a job in a month [or] two. To all Travel industry, especially airports.

I know many wonder why the airlines requested and received government spending, the reason is, if nobody fly's, I have no one to rent [cars to, if no one is renting cars, hotel occupancy will be adversely impacted, if hotels are empty, then restaurants will have empty tables]. Thus terrible ripple effect will reach us all, from the minimum wage waitress to flight attendants.

May God bless all of you .....Love ....debbie